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MINUTES OF DIA-METALL IMPORT OFFICIALS' MEETING (4 pp; German; date of report: [REDACTED])

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25X1A This document, [REDACTED] contains the minutes (No. 26) of the staff meeting of the import section of DIA-Metall (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency for Metals) held [REDACTED]. The list of participants includes Director fnu Harms [not further identified - presumably one of the directors of the import section of DIA-Metall] and one fnu Grossmann from the Ministry of Foreign and Intra-German Trade.

Following are examples of information included in this document:

- 25X1A 1. On 30 September 1952 a "socialistic competition" for the fulfillment of the requirements for the power program was instituted by DIA-Metall. This agency took on the obligation to import by 21 December 1952 [Stalin's birthday] the materials and equipment needed for that program.
2. The meetings of the principal DIA-Metall import officials must deal with basic questions and must arrive at clear and concise answers which can be handed on as definite guides to the entire personnel of that agency.
3. The item "nonferrous rolling material" (discussed in meeting No. 25), for which the demand exceeded the plan figures, is to be dealt with by Harms, since nothing but nonferrous metals are involved.

The present meeting also discussed another point brought up at the ~~xx~~ earlier meeting, namely, that the DHZ-M (German Trade Center for Metallurgy) has not met its obligations ~~neither~~ for ~~xxx~~ 1953 orders ~~nor~~ for reparations needs. The Ministry of Foreign and Intra-German Trade must be fully informed of that situation.

4. Import transactions should not be permitted to fail solely because of possible "switch" losses. Switch losses are to be included in the purchase prices for the time being.
5. The difficulties in the issuance of shipping documents for intra-German trade were straightened out. [REDACTED] promised to issue shipping documents, regardless of the type of commodity involved, up to 28 million VE (clearing units [IVE - [REDACTED]]). The agreement ~~reached~~ on this point means that the GDR can conclude further contracts under the Berlin Agreement but for critical materials only (because of the limitations in the clearing agreement). No orders will be placed for pig iron and structural steel in order to leave sufficient leeway for ordering critical materials. Additional contracts for approximately 8 million VE are to be concluded.

The DIA-Metall offices must make every effort to get speedy deliveries of materials contracted [REDACTED]. Also, the need for the materials ordered is urgent they should be canceled. The establishment of letters of credit requested [REDACTED] is unjustified and ~~must~~ be eliminated. -- Two officials are [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

- 25X1A Berlin to speed up deliveries to East Germany.
- 25X1A 6. A contract was concluded with a [REDACTED] shipper [name not given]. It was recommended at the meeting to use the services of this shipper, who enjoys GDR confidence, for fob shipments and to advise cif suppliers to ship through the [REDACTED] firm.

7. One fnu Vietsch was put in charge of reorganizing Import Office V to achieve the change over from geographical to functional organization.
8. Gruenig (fnu) and fnu Bauer are to go to Prague for the following purposes: to speed up delivery of goods contracted for 1952; to try to place orders for bottleneck materials for 1952 delivery if possible; to come to an agreement on specifications for 1953 orders and to set exact delivery dates.

9. Fnu Klopp and fnu Wiegand will go to Moscow and fnu Danz to Poland. 25X1A
- The officials mentioned in 8 and 9 above must be furnished with full information for the conduct of negotiations before their departure.

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